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Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I understand that the Department of Justice is currently conducting a comment period during which members of the American public may express their opinions regarding the Microsoft anti-trust settlement proposed by the Bush administration. I am grateful to have this opportunity to voice my thoughts and would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of my views on this matter.

I firmly believe that the court should approve the settlement which I understand Microsoft has already agreed to accept. At this time in our nation, saving resources for homeland defense and taking steps to strengthen our economy should be at the top of the government's priority list. If the court agrees to the Microsoft settlement, thus ending this expensive and troublesome lawsuit, it will be appropriately addressing both of those pressing needs by: (1) freeing up resources for defense and (2) allowing one of our nation's most productive companies, Microsoft, to continue to generate health activity in the marketplace.

Please consider carefully the realities that face the United States today and approve the Microsoft anti-trust settlement. Thank you again for your consideration.

Best regards,

Elsie Zeurcher

